

REMARKS

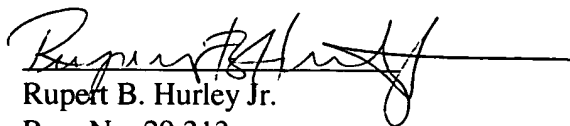
I. The Pending Claims and the Amendments to the Claims

With the entry of the above amendments, the pending claims are Claims 1 and 3-22, with Claims 11-22 having been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 has been amended by rolling Claim 2 into Claim 1, and Claim 2 has been canceled. Claim 9 has been amended to provide antecedent basis by changing "said additional seal line" to ---said first seal line---. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at Page 11 lines 11-18. Claim 10 has been amended by changing "The continuous strip..." to ---A continuous strip...---. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification in FIG. 3 and FIG. 4 and at Page 5 lines 17-21. Applicants note that the above amendment of Claim 1, and the cancellation of Claim 2, merely reduces issues for appeal and places the application in better form for appeal. Moreover, the amendments to Claims 9 and 10 correct minor formal matters, also placing the application in better form for appeal by reducing issues to be resolved on appeal. No new matter is included in the amendments. Accordingly, entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, as they simplify issues and place the application in better form for appeal.

Respectfully Submitted,



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